Church Record from Hagsfeld

about 1806, and Mellinger's Lutheran Church at Schoeneck wasn't built until after 1850. This report of church membership of the Mentzers makes it seem likely that Johannes Mintzer (I) and his wife and Conrad (II) and his wife are buried somewhere in the Clay-Brickerville area. Could it be that they were employed at Elizabeth Furnace close to present Brickerville? Heinrich W. Stiegel who landed in Philadelphia in August, 1750 married Elizabeth Huber, daughter of the owner of that furnace. Shortly thereafter, the expansive Stiegel greatly increased the output of the furnace, purchased much farm land, and established glass works there. They were later moved to Manheim. These many ventures required much additional manpower.

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